

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

____ DIVISION

vs.

:
: CASE NO. _____
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DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
S.D. Ga. LR 7.1.1

The undersigned, counsel of record for _____, certifies that the following is a full and complete list of the parties in this action:

Name	Identification & Relationship
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The undersigned further certifies that the following is a full and complete list of officers, directors, or trustees of the above-identified parties:

Name	Identification & Relationship
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The undersigned further certifies that the following is a full and complete list of other persons, firms, partnerships, corporations, or organizations that have a financial interest in, or another interest which could be substantially affected by, the outcome of this case (including a relationship as a parent or holding company or any publicly-held corporation that holds 10% or more of a party's stock):

Name	Identification, Relationship & Interests
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Local Rules

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
_____ DIVISION

_____	:	
	:	
Plaintiff,	:	
	:	
vs.	:	Case No. _____
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_____	:	
	:	
Defendant.	:	

CERTIFICATE OF COUNSEL
REFILED OR RELATED CASES
S.D. Ga. LR 3.1

Pursuant to the Local Rules of this Court, I hereby certify that this is a refiled case which involves substantially the same issues or parties as in the case of _____, plaintiff vs. _____, defendant, Civil Action No. _____, or that this case relates to property included in, involves the same issues appearing in, or grows out of the same transaction involved in a case already pending in _____ Court, captioned _____, plaintiff, vs. _____ defendant, Civil Action No. _____.

This ____ day of _____, 20__.

Name
Attorney for _____

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA**

_____ **DIVISION**

_____	:	
	:	
Plaintiff,	:	
	:	
vs.	:	Case No. _____
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_____	:	
	:	
Defendant.	:	

**NOTICE OF ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION
and
CASE MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES**

(LITIGANTS' BILL OF RIGHTS)

S.D. Ga. LR 16.7

Litigants in this Court may wish to utilize procedures that are available to assist the speedy and efficient resolution of civil cases. This notice **must** be furnished by plaintiff's counsel to his client and served with the complaint upon all defendants. Counsel for each party represented shall ensure that the notice is filled out, signed by the party, and returned to the Clerk's office (1) by counsel for the plaintiff within 15 days of filing the complaint, and (2) by counsel for the defendant with the answer or other responsive pleading.

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Notice to Parties and Counsel

1. If all parties in a case elect to do so, a civil case in this Court can be referred to non-binding mediation. The purpose of such is to assist the parties in understanding the strengths and weaknesses of their respective positions and to facilitate settlement.

Do you wish to use such a procedure and for your lawyer to meet with opposing counsel and a Judge of this Court to establish a mediation plan for this case?

(answer yes or no)

2. If the parties in a case elect to do so, a civil case in this Court can be referred to binding or non-binding arbitration. In some instances, arbitration may be quicker, cheaper, and less formal than litigation. Its outcome can be binding or purely advisory, depending on the parties' agreement. The parties can also agree to tailor the rules of procedure.

Do you wish to consider such a procedure and for your lawyer to meet with opposing counsel and a Judge of this Court to establish an arbitration plan for this case?

(answer yes or no)

3. If all parties in a case consent and the Court concurs, the right to proceed before a United States District Judge may be waived, and the case can be presided over by a United States Magistrate Judge.

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Would you like to **consider** use of a Magistrate Judge and receive more information on this alternative?

(answer yes or no)

4. After the complaint and answer are filed in a case, the rules of this Court normally allow four (4) months for the completion of discovery. If discovery continues for a longer period of time, it will be because the attorneys have requested an extension of time from the Court.

5. If justified by the complexity or difficulty of a case, the Court will consider the entry of a special case management order. After hearing from the parties, this order would supersede the Local Rules and provide new dates for the different aspects of discovery, amendments to the pleadings, the filing of motions, conferences with the Court, and preparation for the ultimate pretrial order and trial of the case.

The lawyers for all of the parties are encouraged to consult concerning the need for such a case management order.

6. At the completion of discovery and before trial, each party will be required to participate in the filing of a pretrial order. In most cases, there will also be a pretrial conference with the presiding Judge. At the conference, the Court will inquire about the prospects for

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settlement of the case. Normally the Court will require the client to be present in person or by telephone.

By Order of the Court.

Clerk of Court

I have reviewed with my attorney the above notice and have indicated my desired responses to paragraphs 1, 2, and 3.

This _____ day of _____, 20__.

Name and signature of party or Representative

Certificate of Counsel

I have furnished a copy of this notice to the party represented by me (including any insurance company assisting with the cost of defense) and discussed with my client responses to paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 which have been noted. I have also served opposing counsel with a copy of this completed notice.

This _____ day of _____, 20__.

Attorney for _____

United States District Court

Southern District of Georgia

NOTICE, CONSENT AND ORDER OF REFERENCE --
 CONSENT TO EXERCISE OF JURISDICTION BY A
 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Plaintiff

CASE NUMBER:

v.

Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A MAGISTRATE JUDGE TO EXERCISE OF JURISDICTION AND APPEAL

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. 636(c), and Fed.R.Civ.P. 73, you are hereby notified that a United States magistrate judge of this district court is available to conduct any or all proceedings in this case including a jury or nonjury trial, and to order the entry of a final judgment. Exercise of this jurisdiction by a magistrate judge is, however, permitted only if all parties voluntarily consent.

You may, without adverse substantive consequences, withhold your consent, but this will prevent the court's jurisdiction from being exercised by a magistrate judge. If any party withholds consent, the identity of the parties consenting or withholding consent will not be communicated to any magistrate judge or to the district judge to whom the case has been assigned.

An appeal from a judgment entered by a magistrate judge shall be taken directly to the United States court of appeals for this judicial circuit in the same manner as an appeal from any other judgment of a district court.

CONSENT TO EXERCISE OF JURISDICTION BY A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. 636(c) and Fed.R.Civ.P. 73, the parties in this case hereby voluntarily consent to have a United States magistrate judge conduct any and all further proceedings in the case, including the trial, order the entry of a final judgment, and conduct all post-judgment proceedings.

SignaturesParty RepresentedDate

Any appeal shall be taken to the United States court of appeals for this circuit, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. 636(c) and Fed.R.Civ.P. 73(c).

ORDER OF REFERENCE

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this case be referred to _____
 United States Magistrate Judge, for all further proceedings and the entry of judgment in accordance with 28 U.S.C. 636(c), Fed.R.Civ.P. 73 and the foregoing consent of the parties.

Date

United States District Judge

NOTE: RETURN THIS FORM TO THE CLERK OF THE COURT ONLY IF ALL PARTIES HAVE CONSENTED
 ON THIS FORM TO THE EXERCISE OF JURISDICTION BY A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE.